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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The forty-seventh session of the Human Rights Committee will be held at the United Nations Headquarters from 22 March to 8 April 1993. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 22 March 1993 at 10.30 a.m.

2. In accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the forty-seventh session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.

3. Pursuant to rule 33 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise or it appears from the relevant provisions of the Covenant or the Optional Protocol that the meetings should be held in private.

4. The attention of the States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotated item 8 which contains the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the forty-seventh session. In accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, representatives of States parties may be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

5. At its forty-sixth session, the Committee decided that two working groups, established under rules 62 and 89 of its rules of procedure, should meet for a period of one week prior to its forty-seventh session. The working groups are scheduled to meet at United Nations Headquarters from 15 to 19 March 1993.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the session by the representative of the Secretary-General.

2. Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee in accordance with article 38 of the Covenant.

3. Election of the Chairman and other officers of the Committee.

4. Adoption of the agenda.

5. Organizational and other matters.

6. Action by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session:

   (a) Annual report submitted by the Human Rights Committee under article 45 of the Covenant;

   (b) Effective implementation of United Nations instruments on human rights and effective functioning of bodies established pursuant to such instruments.

7. Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant.

8. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant.

9. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant.

10. Preparatory activities relating to the World Conference on Human Rights.

11. Future meetings of the Committee.

ANNOTATIONS

1. Opening of the session by the representative of the Secretary-General

The representative of the Secretary-General will open the forty-seventh session of the Committee and will preside over the meeting until the election of the Chairman of the Committee.

2. Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee in accordance with article 38 of the Covenant

In accordance with article 38 of the Covenant and rule 16 of the rules of procedure, the nine members of the Committee elected or re-elected at the Twelfth Meeting of States Parties to the Covenant on 10 September 1992, will make the following solemn declaration:

"I solemnly undertake to discharge my duties as a member of the Human Rights Committee impartially and conscientiously".

3. Election of the Chairman and other officers of the Committee

In accordance with article 39, paragraph 1 of the Covenant and rule 18 of the rules of procedure, the Committee shall elect from among its members a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur. The Officers of the Committee shall be elected for a term of two years.

Under rule 58 of the rules of procedure, elections shall be held by secret ballot, unless the Committee decides otherwise in the case of an election to fill a place for which there is only one candidate.

4. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the rules of procedure, the adoption of the agenda of any session shall follow the election of officers when required under rule 17. In accordance with rule 9, during a session, the Committee may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items; only urgent and important items may be added to the agenda.

5. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee will consider its programme of work for the session. In this connection, it may be noted that the Committee decided at its forty-sixth session to set up, in addition to the pre-sessional working group on communications, a working group under article 40 of the Covenant to prepare concise lists of issues concerning second and third periodic reports scheduled for consideration at the forty-seventh session; and to consider any draft general comment that may be put before it.

6. Action by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session

(a) Annual report submitted by the Human Rights Committee under article 45 of the Covenant

In accordance with the Committee's decision at its fifteenth session, the summary records of the Third Committee pertaining to the discussion of the annual report a/ together with a note indicating the matters raised in the course of the discussions, along with the relevant General Assembly resolution and other documentation pertaining to the International Covenants on Human Rights, will be circulated to members of the Committee.

(b) Effective implementation of United Nations instruments on human rights and effective functioning of bodies established pursuant to such instruments

The Committee will have before it the summary records of the Third Committee as well as the relevant General Assembly resolution relating to this item.

7. Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

Reports received

In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its forty-seventh session (see the timetable for consideration of reports under item 8 below), the Secretary-General has received the reports of the following States parties:

Ireland	Initial report due in 1991	(CCPR/C/68/Add.3)
Egypt	Second periodic report due in 1988	(CCPR/C/51/Add.5)
Afghanistan	Second periodic report due in 1989	(CCPR/C/57/Add.5)
Romania	Third periodic report due in 1989	(CCPR/C/58/Add.15)
Hungary	Third periodic report due in 1990	(CCPR/C/64/Add.7)
Italy	Third periodic report due in 1990	(CCPR/C/64/Add.8)
Japan	Third periodic report due in 1991	(CCPR/C/70/Add.1)
Norway	Third periodic report due in 1991	(CCPR/C/70/Add.2)
Costa Rica	Third periodic report due in 1991	(CCPR/C/70/Add.4)
Jordan	Third periodic report due in 1992	(CCPR/C/76/Add.1)
Mexico	Third periodic report due in 1992	(CCPR/C/76/Add.2)

The Secretary-General has also received supplementary reports from Kenya and the Gambia which the Committee will consider together with those States parties' second periodic reports.

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a/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh session, Supplement No. 40 (A/47/40).

Reports due

The situation with regard to the submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant is as follows:

States parties whose reports were due by the closing date of the forty-sixth session (6 November 1992) but have not yet been received

Initial reports

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Gabon	20 April 1984	17
Equatorial Guinea	24 December 1988	8
Somalia	23 April 1991	3
Malta	12 December 1991	2
Haiti	5 May 1992	1
Zimbabwe	12 August 1992	1
Nepal	13 August 1992	1
Croatia	7 October 1992	-

Second periodic reports

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	4 February 1983	19
Bulgaria	28 April 1984	18
Cyprus	18 August 1984	18
Syrian Arab Republic	18 August 1984	18
New Zealand - Cook Islands	27 March 1985	7
Gambia	21 June 1985	16
Suriname	2 August 1985	15
Lebanon	21 March 1986	15
Kenya	11 April 1986	14
Mali	11 April 1986	14
Jamaica	1 August 1986	12
Netherlands-Antilles	31 October 1986	6
Guyana	10 April 1987	12
Iceland	30 October 1987	11
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	13 December 1987	10
El Salvador	31 December 1988	8
Central African Republic	9 April 1989	7
Gabon b/	20 April 1989	7
Congo	4 January 1990	6
Zambia	9 July 1990	5
Bolivia	13 July 1990	5
Togo	23 August 1990	5
Republic of Cameroon	26 September 1990	5

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b/ The State Party's initial report has not yet been received.

Second periodic reports (continued)

Viet Nam	31 July 1991	3
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	31 October 1991	3
San Marino	17 January 1992	2
Niger	6 June 1992	-
Sudan	17 June 1992	-
Argentina	7 November 1992	-

Third periodic reports

Iran (Islamic Republic of)	21 March 1988	-
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya c/	4 February 1988	10
Lebanon c/	21 March 1988	10
Bulgaria c/	28 April 1989	7
Cyprus c/	18 August 1989	7
Syrian Arab Republic c/	18 August 1989	7
Trinidad and Tobago	20 March 1990	6
New Zealand	27 March 1990	6
Gambia c/	21 June 1990	5
Mauritius	18 July 1990	5
Suriname c/	2 August 1990	5
Denmark	1 November 1990	5
El Salvador c/	28 February 1991	4
Barbados	11 April 1991	4
Kenya c/	11 April 1991	4
Mali c/	11 April 1991	4
Nicaragua	11 June 1991	3
Zaire	31 July 1991	3
Jamaica c/	1 August 1991	3
Portugal	1 August 1991	3
Sri Lanka	10 September 1991	3
Netherlands	31 October 1991	3
Australia	12 November 1991	2
France	3 February 1992	2
India	31 March 1992	2
Panama	31 March 1992	2
Guyana c/	10 April 1992	2
Rwanda	10 April 1992	2
Madagascar	31 July 1992	1
Central African Republic c/	7 August 1992	1
Ireland c/	30 October 1992	1

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c/ The State party's second periodic report has not yet been received.

States parties whose reports are to be submitted between the closing date of the Committee's forty-sixth session (6 November 1992) and the closing date of its forty-seventh session (8 April 1993)

Initial reports

State party	Date due
Grenada	5 December 1992
Israel	2 January 1993
Albania	3 January 1993
Estonia	20 January 1993
Lithuania	19 February 1993

Second periodic reports

Argentina	7 November 1992
Philippines	22 January 1993

Third periodic reports

Democratic People's Republic of Korea c/	13 December 1992
Morocco	31 December 1992
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines c/	8 February 1993

Fourth periodic reports

Czech and Slovak Federal Republic	4 February 1993
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	4 February 1993
Tunisia	4 February 1993
Iran, Islamic Republic of	21 March 1993
Lebanon	21 March 1993
Uruguay	21 March 1993

8. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the forty-seventh session, prepared in consultation with the Chairman and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below:

Timetable for consideration of reports of States parties

Niger (initial report)	CCPR/C/45/Add.4	Tuesday, a.m. Thursday, a.m.	23 March 1993 25 March 1993
Iran, (Islamic Republic of) d/ (second periodic)	CCPR/C/28/Add.15	Wednesday, a.m./p.m.	24 March 1993
Dominican Republic (third periodic)	CCPR/C/70/Add.3	Thursday, p.m. Friday, a.m./p.m.	25 March 1993 26 March 1993
Uruguay (third periodic)	CCPR/C/64/Add.4	Monday, a.m./p.m. Tuesday, a.m.	29 March 1993 30 March 1993
Guinea (second periodic)	CCPR/C/57/Add.2	Thursday, a.m./p.m. Friday, a.m.	1 April 1993 2 April 1993

In accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its forty-seventh session.

Under this item, the Committee will consider draft general comments on articles 18 and 25 of the Covenant and review any other draft general comment that may be submitted to it by its working group.

9. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVII of the rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are or appear to be submitted to it under the Optional Protocol.

One hundred and thirty-three communications are pending before the Committee from earlier sessions. Taking into account the deadlines established by the Committee for submission of further information from the parties, 46 cases (earlier declared admissible) may be considered for the adoption of final views and 87 cases may be considered for a decision on admissibility. In addition, the Committee will have before it summaries of a number of recently registered communications and summaries of new communications registered after its last session, together with an indication of any action which may have been taken by the Special Rapporteur for new communications.

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d/ The Committee began consideration of the second periodic report of the Islamic Republic of Iran at its 1193rd to 1196th meetings (forty-sixth session) and decided to revert to it at the forty-seventh session.

In accordance with article 5, paragraph 3, of the Optional Protocol and rule 82 of the rules of procedure, this agenda item will be considered in closed meetings.

10. Preparatory activities relating to the World Conference on Human Rights

Under this item, the Committee will consider any further contributions it may wish to make to the preparatory process. It will have before it the relevant General Assembly resolution and other documentation relating to this item.

11. Future meetings of the Committee

As the calendar of meetings held within the framework of the United Nations is submitted by the Secretary-General on a biennial basis for the approval of the Committee on Conferences and the General Assembly, the Committee may wish to take decisions under this item on the schedule of its meetings to be held in 1994 and 1995.

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